

AQD'S FOCUS ON SMALL BUSINESS

About The Acquisition Services Directorate

As a line of business within the US Department of the Interior's National Business Center (NBC), we provide a full spectrum of acquisition services to all Federal agencies helping managers in every Federal agency fulfill their missions by providing expert, compliant acquisition solutions. The Acquisition Services Directorate (AQD), an ISO 9001 certified organization, provides practical solutions to Federal managers and assistance in awarding contracts.

With a strong commitment to small businesses, nearly half of our contracts are awarded to them. In order to be eligible for Federal contracts, vendors must be registered in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR), the primary registrant database for the U.S. Federal Government.



Small Business Goals

The Business and Economic Development Plan (BEDP) goals are closely tracked and monitored at the Acquisition Services Directorate. Each year, these goals are negotiated with the OSDDBU and the Small Business Administration. It is important to note that all small business award credits are returned to the client agency.

Vendor Database

Visit our Acquisition Services Directorate Vendor Database at www.aqd.nbc.gov/Vendor/vendors_database.asp. Registration is complimentary and entirely voluntary. The goal of this database is to provide small, medium, and even large business with added exposure to program managers, contracting officers, and other key decision makers in the Federal government. Inclusion in this database improves visibility for businesses and encourages networking between commercial vendors and the contractors looking to forge relationships on behalf of the US Government. When you are on the site you can:

- ▲ Login to your account
- ▲ Search for Registered Vendors
- ▲ Register as a Business Vendor

Small Business Utilization

Beginning with the Department of the Interior's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), there has been continuous executive leadership for the small business program. We support the success of the small business community and it shows in our culture as we embrace the small business environment wholeheartedly. We have shown through our outreach and analysis an overall foundation that supports, educates, and rewards small business contractors.

**To learn more about the
Acquisition Services Directorate,
visit us at www.aqd.nbc.gov
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Vendor Resources

AQD Vendor Database

www.aqd.nbc.gov/Vendor/vendors_database.asp

Solicitation Alerts

www.aqd.nbc.gov/Solic/solic_alerts.asp

Current Open Solicitations

www.aqd.nbc.gov/Solic/openmarket.asp

Acquisition Forecast

www.doi.gov/osdbu

Federal Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)

www.osdbu.gov

For more information, please visit

www.aqd.nbc.gov/smallbusiness